Title: **Need to ensure purchase of cotton from the farmers of Kalahandi and Nuapada Districts of Orissa by Cotton Corporation of India.**

SHRI TRILOCHAN KANUNGO (JAGATSINGHPUR): Sir, more than twenty thousand cotton-grower families of Kalahandi and Nuapada Districts are facing miseries this year owing to two reasons. The farmers were supplied with outdated Sabita Hybrid cotton seeds which are prone to American 'Bollworm' disease causing reduction of crop yield to almost one-third of the normal yield. Secondly, since the Cotton Corporation of India is not properly operating in the area, the local merchants are offering less than half the price of the normal price to the farmers. More than two lakh quintals of unsold cotton is still lying with the farmers.

I urge upon the Government of India to immediately intervene and direct the Cotton Corporation of India to purchase cotton from the poor distressed farmers of Kalahandi and Nuapada Districts of Orissa.